

WORLD COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

FIFTH MEETING
Ottawa, 28-30 May, 1986

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ANNOTATIONS TO PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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1. Opening Statements

The Commission's Fifth Meeting will begin with an Official Opening Ceremony, by invitation, commencing at 9 a.m. on Monday 26, May, 1986, in the main auditorium of the Lester B. Pearson Building in Ottawa. Introductions will be made by a member of the Commission and statements will be made by:

- The Honourable Tom MacMillan, Federal Minister of the Environment; and
- Mrs. Gro Harlem Brundtland, Chairman of the World Commission on Environment and Development

2. Public Hearings

There will be two days of Public Hearings held in Canada in connection with the Commission's Fifth Meeting on Monday and Tuesday, May 26 and 27, 1986. A separate briefing note on the Public Hearings and the presentations to be made to them (WCED/86/Info. 5) will be provided to you before your departure for Canada.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

The Commission will consider and adopt an Agenda and Detailed Timetable for its discussion. A Provisional Agenda and proposed Detailed Timetable for the discussion were circulated by the Secretariat in advance of the meeting. (WCED/86/1).

4. Progress Report of the Secretary General

The Secretary General will submit an overall report on the progress of work since the Brazil Meeting and on the proposed direction of future work.

5. Final Report: Preliminary Draft Chapters

Preliminary drafts of four Chapters of the Final Report will be considered by the Commission during the meeting with a view to providing direction to the Secretariat, thus enabling revised drafts to be prepared for the Commission's next meeting:

- 5.1 Chapter 1 - A Common Future (WCED/86/2). You should note that in the Outline of the Final Report approved in Brazil this Chapter was entitled "Environment and Development: Recent Trends".
- 5.2 Chapter 2 - Environment and Development Connection (WCED/86/3).
- 5.3 Chapter 4 - The Imperatives for Greater International Co-operation (WCED/86/4). In the Outline of the Final Report approved in Brazil this Chapter was listed as Chapter 3. It will be proposed in Canada that Chapter 4 of the agreed Outline, "Towards Sustainable Development" become Chapter 3. One background paper for the discussion on this chapter has been sent to the Commission for its review: Some Reflections on Reform of the United Nations by Maurice Bertrand (WCED/86/Info. 1)
- 5.4 Chapter 11 - International Economic Relations and the Environment (WCED/86/5) which reflects the input of the International Economic Relations working group appointed by the Commission in Oslo which met with the Secretariat in Geneva in early May. Three background papers for the discussion on this chapter have been sent to the Commission for their review prior to the meeting:
 - Environmental Resource Costs and the Pattern of North-South Trade by Professor Ingo Walter, Professor of Economics and Finance, New York University (WCED/86/Info. 2);
 - Financing International Action on Environment and Sustainable Development by Bob Munro, Special Advisor to the Commission (WCED/86/Info. 3); and
 - Multinational Corporations, Environment and Development by Charles Pearson of John Hopkins University (WCED/86/Info.4).

6. Key Issues

The Chairmen of the Advisory Panels, Enrique Iglesias, Umberto Colombo and Dr. Swaminathan have been asked to join the Commission on Thursday 29 May, 1986 to present the three Advisory Panel Reports to the Commission and participate in the discussions on them:

- The Advisory Panel Report on Energy, Environment and Development (WCED/86/6);
- The Advisory Panel Report on Industry, Environment and Development (WCED/86/7); and

- The Advisory Panel Report on Food Security, Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Development (WCED/86/8)

The Advisory Panel Reports are being presented to the Commission on behalf of, and in the name of, the members of the Panels. A primary purpose in considering them is to provide guidance on their use as a source of substance and recommendations for the Commission's Final Report, in particular the corresponding chapters, which will be drafted for the next meeting of the Commission.

7. Revised Outline of Final Report

In the course of drafting chapters of the Final Report, various suggestions for change have arisen in regard to the provisional Outline of the Final Report adopted in Sao Paulo and will be submitted to the Commission for its consideration and approval in Canada (WCED/86/9).

8. Discussion with Dr. Rana, Chairman of the IIPC

Since the Brazil meeting, the Vice-Chairman, Commissioner Salim and the Secretary General have all visited Nairobi for meetings with Dr. Rana and the members of the IIPC and a time schedule for translation and submission of the Commission's Final Report to the IIPC and UNEP's Governing Council has been agreed. The Secretary General in his Progress Report will provide a full report on this agreed schedule. To further the continuing dialogue which has been established between the Commission and the IIPC, the Chairman has invited Dr. Rana to meet with the Commission in Ottawa for a joint discussion on the progress of the work of the Commission and of the IIPC on their "Environmental Perspective".

9. Budgetary and Financial Matters

In Canada, the Commission will receive a full report on the current financial status of the Commission and the steps being taken or needed to be taken in respect thereof. The report will include: a current status report comparing expenditure to date with the revised budget adopted by the Commission in Brazil, and update on available resources and fundraising results, a detailed budget projection for the period from May 1, 1986 until the end of 1987 and the audited accounts of the Commission for the 1985 financial year (WCED/86/10).

10. Other Business

Under this item, Commissioners can raise other matters deserving the attention of the Commission which have not been dealt with under previous agenda items.

11. Future Meetings

An update on the dates and locations of future meetings will be given to the Commission in Canada for their review and discussion.